

YUKON ELECTIONS BOARD

REPORT ON THE 1978 GENERAL ELECTION



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The Yukon General Election held November 20, 1978, was the first election in twenty-four years to be administered locally under Yukon legislation. Following the 1954 election, elections were conducted under the Canada Elections Act and administrative responsibility was transferred to the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada.

As the years passed it became evident that a positive step in the constitutional development of Yukon would be to resume this function. Accordingly, the 23rd Legislative Assembly passed the Elections Ordinance, 1977, which established the necessary legal basis for the local administration of elections.

Pursuant to this ordinance an Elections Board was appointed and given responsibility for the general direction of and supervision over the elections process. The Board, appointed May 16, 1978, is comprised of Chairman Paul Birckel of Whitehorse, Mary McCulloch of Watson Lake and Richard Wallingham of Mayo. The Board hired W.H. "Bill" MacDonald of Ladysmith, B.C. to act as Administrator of Elections and, as such, to carry on the day-to-day activities assigned by the Board.

In 1974, twelve Members were returned to the Legislature. However, as an additional constitutional measure, the 23rd Legislative Assembly increased the number of seats to sixteen. The election itself was of historic significance due to the emergence of party politics on a formal basis for the first time.

The Elections Board would like to extend its thanks to Mr. MacDonald, the sixteen Returning Officers and all other election officials for their very commendable work which they undertook both efficiently and cheerfully.

Paul Birckel, Chairman
Yukon Elections Board

RECAPITULATION AND COMPARISON

1974 - 1978 General Elections

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1974</u>
Number of electoral districts	16	12
Number of polling divisions	77	73
Number of candidates	52	38
Number of electors on lists	11,051	9,542
Number who voted	7,783	6,145
Proportion of electors who voted	70.43%	64.40%
Number of rejected ballots	49 (.63%)	54 (.88%)
Number of proxy certificates issued	202	---
Number of proxy certificates used	177	---
Number who voted at advance polls	---	159
Proportion of voters who used proxies	2.27%	---
Proportion of voters who used advance polls	---	2.59%

CAMPBELL

Candidates:

Margaret Thomson (N.D.P.), Ross River
 Blake Stirling Macdonald (Lib.), Ross River
 Don McIntosh (P.C.), Watson Lake
 Robert Fleming (Ind.), Teslin

Returning Officer: Doreen Duncan, Teslin
 Date of Writ : October 6, 1978
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Polling Stations	No.	Ballots cast for				Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
		Thomson (N.D.P.)	Macdonald (Lib.)	McIntosh (P.C.)	Fleming (Ind.)			
Ross River	1	33	93	8	21	4	159	198
Francis Lake	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	15
Upper Liard	3	20	7	38	9	1	75	88
Swift River	4	0	2	6	11	0	19	21
Teslin	5	12	18	9	140	0	179	205
Totals	5	65	120	61	184	5	435	527

Majority for Robert Fleming (Ind.) over Blake Stirling Macdonald (Lib.), 64
 Margaret Thomson (N.D.P.), 119
 Don McIntosh (P.C.), 123

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 15 Used: 15

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 82.54%

FARO

Candidates:

Stuart McCall (N.D.P.), Faro
 Maurice J. Byblow (Ind.), Faro

Returning Officer: Janet Couture, Faro
 Date of Writ : October 6, 1978
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Polling Stations		Ballots cast for		Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
Name	No.	(N.D.P.) McCall	(Ind.) Byblow			
Faro	1	105	139	1	245	279
Faro	2	46	78	1	125	144
Faro	3	80	144	0	224	264
Totals	3	231	361	2	594	687

Majority for Maurice J. Byblow (Ind.) over Stuart McCall (N.D.P.), 130

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 14 Used: 13

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 86.46%

HOOTALINQUA

Candidates:

Mike Laforet (Lib.), Mile 896.5, Alaska Highway
 Max Fraser (N.D.P.), Whitehorse
 Al Falle (P.C.), Whitehorse
 M.G. (Mack) Henry (Ind.), Deep Creek

Returning Officer: Rod Jones, Whitehorse
 Date of Writ : October 6, 1978
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Polling Stations	No.	Ballots cast for				Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
		Laforet (Lib.)	Fraser (N.D.P.)	Falle (P.C.)	Henry (Ind.)			
Mile 5 Mayo Rd.	1	11	24	90	7	1	133	182
Mile 928 Alaska Hwy.	2	9	21	23	15	0	68	101
Whitehorse	3	24	66	59	12	1	162	229
Carcross	4	30	37	26	7	0	100	139
Tagish	5	9	10	10	3	2	34	57
Johnson's Crossing	6	0	1	1	0	0	2	9
Totals	6	83	159	209	44	4	499	717

Majority for Al Falle (P.C.) over

Max Fraser (N.D.P.), 50
 Mike Laforet (Lib.), 126
 M.G. (Mack) Henry (Ind.), 165 (deposit forfeited)

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 5 Used: 5

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 69.60%

KLONDIKE

Candidates:

Eleanor Millard (Ind.), Dawson City
 Meg McCall (P.C.), Dawson City
 Alfred Berger (N.D.P.), Dawson City

Returning Officer: Andre Carrel, Dawson City
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Polling Stations	Name	No.	Ballots cast for			Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
			Millard (Ind.)	McCall (P.C.)	Berger (N.D.P.)			
Dawson City		1	34	48	47	2	131	157
Dawson City		2	72	89	75	2	238	306
Dawson City		3	8	15	8	0	31	101
Totals		3	114	152	130	4	400	564

Majority for Meg McCall (PC) over Alfred Berger (N.D.P.), 22
 Eleanor Millard (Ind.), 38

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 31 Used: 30

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 70.92%

KLUANE

Candidates:

John O. Livesey (Ind. Cons.), Beaver Creek
 Hilda P. Watson (P.C.), Haines Junction
 Alice McGuire (Lib.), Haines Junction

Returning Officer: Barbara Hume, Haines Junction
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Polling Stations	Name	No.	Ballots cast for			Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
			Livesey (Ind. Cons.)	Watson (P.C.)	McGuire (Lib.)			
Beaver Creek		1	26	18	8	0	52	64
Burwash Landing		2	4	5	42	0	51	56
Destruction Bay		3	7	20	4	0	31	35
Haines Junction		4	11	103	131	2	247	288
Dezadeash		5	1	4	3	0	8	11
Totals		5	49	150	188	2	389	454

Majority for Alice McGuire (Lib.) over Hilda P. Watson (P.C.) 38
 John O. Livesey 139
 (Ind. Cons.)

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 8 Used: 7

Proportion of Listed electors who voted: 85.68%

MAYO

Candidates:

Alan H. McDiarmid (N.D.P.), Whitehorse
 Swede Hanson (P.C.), Mayo
 Gordon McIntyre (Lib.), Whitehorse
 David Harwood (Ind.), Mayo

Returning Officer: Simon Mason-Wood, Mayo
 Date of Writ : October 6, 1978
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Polling Stations		Ballots cast for				Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
Name	No.	McDiarmid (N.D.P.)	Hanson (P.C.)	McIntyre (Lib.)	Harwood (Ind.)			
Mayo	1	40	45	69	41	5	200	246
Keno	2	9	12	3	2	1	27	48
Elsa	3	29	28	11	42	2	112	147
Stewart Crossing	4	4	10	1	0	0	15	17
Totals	4	82	95	84	85	8	354	458

Majority for Swede Hanson (P.C.) over
 David Harwood (Ind.), 10
 Gordon McIntyre (Lib.), 11
 Alan McDiarmid (N.D.P.), 13

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 7 Used: 7

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 77.29%

OLD CROW

Candidates:

Grafton Njootli (P.C.), Old Crow
 Robert Moses Bruce Jr. (N.D.P.), Old Crow
 Ethel Tizya (Lib.), Whitehorse

Returning Officer: Renie E. Frost, Old Crow
 Date of Writ : October 6, 1978
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Polling Stations	Name	No.	Ballots cast for			Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
			Njootli (P.C.)	Bruce (N.D.P.)	Tizya (Lib.)			
	Old Crow	1	56	18	28	0	102	116
	Shingle Point	2	3	0	1	0	4	4
	Komakuk Beach	3	3	1	0	0	4	5
	Totals	3	62	19	29	0	110	125

Majority for Grafton Njootli (P.C.) over

Ethel Tizya (Lib.), 33
 Robert Moses Bruce Jr. (N.D.P.) 43

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 1 Used: 1

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 88.00%

TATCHUN

Candidates:

Hugh Netzel (Lib.), Carmacks
 Jerry Roberts (N.D.P.), Whitehorse
 Howard Tracey (P.C.), Carmacks

Returning Officer: Olga Jensen, Carmacks
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Polling Stations	Name	No.	Ballots cast for			Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
			Netzel (Lib.)	Roberts (N.D.P.)	Tracey (P.C.)			
Carmacks		1	57	47	65	1	170	211
Pelly Crossing		2	13	35	31	0	79	97
Little Salmon		3	1	1	13	0	15	17
Totals		3	71	83	109	1	264	325

Majority for Howard Tracey (P.C.) over Jerry Roberts (N.D.P.), 26
 Hugh Netzel (Lib.), 38

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 8 Used: 5

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 81.23%

WATSON LAKE

Candidates:

Grant Taylor (Lib.), Watson Lake
 Donald E. Taylor (P.C.), Watson Lake

Returning Officer: Marie Cox, Watson Lake
 Date of Writ : October 6, 1978
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Polling Stations		Ballots cast for		Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
Name	No.	D. Taylor (P.C.)	G. Taylor (Lib.)			
Watson Lake	1	81	70	1	152	205
Watson Lake	2	99	88	3	190	254
Watson Lake	3	37	30	1	68	104
Tuchitua	4	9	0	0	9	9
Totals	4	226	188	5	419	572

Majority for Donald E. Taylor (P.C.) over Grant Taylor (Lib.), 38

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 17 Used: 15

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 73.25%

WHITEHORSE NORTH CENTRE

Candidates:

Doug Stephenson (N.D.P.), Whitehorse
 E. Geoffrey (Jeff) Lattin (P.C.), Whitehorse
 Dermot Flynn (Lib.), Whitehorse
 Ken McKinnon (Ind.), Whitehorse

Returning Officer: Annie Nelson, Whitehorse
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Polling Stations	Name	No.	Ballots cast for				Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
			Stephenson (N.D.P.)	Lattin (P.C.)	Flynn (Lib.)	McKinnon (Ind.)			
Whitehorse		1	21	33	31	68	1	154	210
Whitehorse		2	26	37	22	23	0	108	204
Whitehorse		3	34	46	10	20	0	110	163
Whitehorse		4	50	37	20	30	2	139	176
Totals		4	131	153	83	141	3	511	753

Majority for E. Geoffrey (Jeff) Lattin (P.C.) over Ken McKinnon (Ind.), 12
 Doug Stephenson (N.D.P.), 22
 Dermot Flynn (Lib.), 70

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 7 Used: 6

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 67.86%

WHITEHORSE SOUTH CENTRE

Candidates:

Ken Krocker (N.D.P.), Whitehorse
 Jack Hibberd (P.C.), Whitehorse
 Bert Law (Lib.), Whitehorse

Returning Officer: Fred Aylwin, Whitehorse
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Name	No.	(N.D.P.) Krocker	(P.C.) Hibberd	(Lib.) Law			
C.Y.O. Hall Whitehorse	1	25	51	32	1	109	194
C.Y.O. Hall Whitehorse	2	19	33	37	1	90	143
C.Y.O. Hall Whitehorse	3	10	58	17	0	85	145
C.Y.O. Hall Whitehorse	4	18	24	14	0	56	91
C.Y.O. Hall Whitehorse	5	26	33	41	1	101	151
C.Y.O. Hall Whitehorse	6	10	5	10	0	25	40
C.Y.O. Hall Whitehorse	7	14	41	46	0	101	147
Totals	7	122	245	197	3	567	911

Majority for Jack Hibberd (P.C.) over Bert Law (Lib.), 48
 Ken Krocker (N.D.P.), 123

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 14 Used: 13

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 62.24%

WHITEHORSE PORTER CREEK EAST

Candidates:

Paul Warner (N.D.P.), Whitehorse
 H. Daniel Lang (P.C.), Whitehorse
 Bill Webber (Lib.), Whitehorse

Returning Officer: M. Jean McCowan, Whitehorse
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Polling Stations	Name	No.	Ballots cast for			Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
			(N.D.P.) Warner	(P.C.) Lang	(Lib.) Webber			
Whitehorse		1	21	14	25	0	60	84
Whitehorse		2	16	49	38	1	104	184
Whitehorse		3	9	106	39	0	154	228
Whitehorse		4	16	63	41	0	120	166
Whitehorse		5	10	31	26	0	67	90
Whitehorse		6	12	59	33	0	104	178
Totals		6	84	322	202	1	609	930

Majority for H. Daniel Lang (P.C.) over Bill Webber (Lib.), 120
 Paul Warner (N.D.P.), 238

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 32 Used: 20

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 65.48%

WHITEHORSE PORTER CREEK WEST

Candidates:

Douglas Graham (P.C.), Whitehorse
 Clive Tanner (Lib.), Whitehorse
 Kathy Horton (N.D.P.), Whitehorse

Returning Officer: Patricia Delaney, Whitehorse
 Date of Writ : October 6, 1978
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Polling Stations		Ballots cast for			Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
Name	No.	Graham (P.C.)	Tanner (Lib.)	Horton (N.D.P.)			
Whitehorse	1	56	54	18	2	130	185
Whitehorse	2	56	50	19	0	125	195
Whitehorse	3	37	20	10	0	67	113
Whitehorse	4	39	18	13	0	70	116
Totals	4	188	142	60	2	392	609

Majority for Douglas Graham (P.C.) over Clive Tanner (Lib.) 46
 Kathy Horton (N.D.P.) 128

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 6 Used: 5

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 64.37%

WHITEHORSE RIVERDALE NORTH

Candidates:

Richard B. Rotondo (Lib.), Whitehorse
 Dave Dornian (N.D.P.), Whitehorse
 C.W. (Chris) Pearson (P.C.), Whitehorse

Returning Officer: Margaret E. Baker, Whitehorse
 Date of Writ : October 6, 1978
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Polling Stations		Ballots cast for			Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
Name	No.	Rotondo (Lib.)	Dornian (N.D.P.)	Pearson (P.C.)			
Whitehorse	1	22	2	54	0	78	131
Whitehorse	2	41	18	76	1	136	199
Whitehorse	3	48	18	92	0	158	209
Whitehorse	4	45	7	64	0	116	156
Whitehorse	5	23	13	65	1	102	181
Whitehorse	6	15	1	7	1	24	31
Totals	6	194	59	358	3	614	907

Majority for C.W. (Chris) Pearson (P.C.) over Richard B. Rotondo (Lib.), 164
 Dave Dornian (N.D.P.), 299 (deposit forfeited)

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 9 Used: 7

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 67.70%

WHITEHORSE RIVERDALE SOUTH

Candidates:

Margaret (Maggie) Heath (P.C.), Whitehorse
 Jim McCullough (N.D.P.), Whitehorse
 Iain MacKay (Lib.), Whitehorse

Returning Officer: Jo Ann Waugh, Whitehorse
 Date of Writ : October 6, 1978
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Polling Stations	Name	No.	Ballots cast for			Rejected Ballots	Total Vote	Electors on List
			Heath (P.C.)	McCullough (N.D.P.)	MacKay (Lib.)			
Whitehorse		1	74	23	95	0	192	266
Whitehorse		2	82	23	81	1	187	264
Whitehorse		3	65	28	65	2	160	308
Whitehorse		4	61	23	85	0	169	264
Whitehorse		5	43	4	73	0	120	143
Whitehorse		6	29	12	21	0	62	124
Totals		6	354	113	420	3	890	1,369

Majority for Iain MacKay (Lib.) over Margaret (Maggie) Heath (P.C.), 66
 Jim McCullough (N.D.P.), 307

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 21 Used: 21

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 65.01%

WHITEHORSE WEST

Candidates:

Guy Julien (Ind.), Whitehorse
 Anthony Fekete (P.C.), Whitehorse
 Tony Penikett (N.D.P.), Whitehorse
 John V. Watt (Lib.), Whitehorse
 Al Omotani (Ind.), Whitehorse

Returning Officer: Georgina Davies, Whitehorse
 Date of Writ: October 6, 1978
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			Julien (Ind.)	Fekete (P.C.)	Penikett (N.D.P.)	Watt (Lib.)	Omotani (Ind.)			
Whitehorse		1		44	13	18	3	80	146	
Whitehorse		2	2	4	20	14	2	42	52	
Whitehorse		3	2	13	28	26	18	87	135	
Whitehorse		4	0	3	11	18	7	39	77	
Mile 918		5	10	19	37	21	9	96	160	
Whitehorse		6	5	48	52	46	23	174	235	
Whitehorse		7	7	29	35	20	5	96	150	
Whitehorse		8	10	25	34	37	14	122	188	
Totals		8	37	185	230	200	81	736	1,143	

Majority for Tony Penikett (N.D.P.) over

John Watt (Lib.), 30
 Anthony Fekete (P.C.), 45
 Al Omotani (Ind.), 149
 Guy Julien (Ind.), 193 (deposit forfeited)

Proxy Certificates: Issued: 7 Used: 7

Proportion of listed electors who voted: 64.39%